



# An introduction to the COLORADO FUEL CELL CENTER

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# Funding for CFCC

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  - Colorado School of Mines
  - Gas Technology Institute
  - National Renewable Energy Laboratory
  - Versa Power Systems, Inc.



# Located on the CSM Campus



The CFCC is located in the General Research Lab (GRL) on the Colorado School of Mines Campus.



# Our Three-Fold Mission

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- Research and Development
- Education and Outreach
- Support for Commercialization



# Research and Development

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- Provide leadership within the state in fuel cell technology development and application.
  - Foster the development of university-based R&D programs addressing product development issues
  - Provide independent research, testing, and product verification services



# R&D Capabilities (Beginning March '06)

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- Materials and electrochemical technology R&D
- Performance and endurance studies
- Demonstration of complete multi-kilowatt systems

# Cell Testing up to 120 cm<sup>2</sup>

Test stand  
purchased  
from Versa  
Power Systems





# Education and Outreach

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- Provide opportunities for public education on the benefits of fuel cells
- Promote the development of fuel cell curriculums in colleges, universities, and trade schools to build a technically competent labor pool





# Support for Commercialization

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- Assist in the formation of strategic alliances among Colorado developers and university research centers
- Serve as a nexus for information on applications and markets



# Colorado is the Place to Be

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- High concentration of high-tech industries
- Skilled and well-educated workforce
- Wide range of environments for field testing
- Good early-adopter base for remote power
- Universities with well-respected R&D programs
- State government committed to clean environments and energy efficiency

# Colorado Businesses are Interested in Fuel Cells

The 2005 *Fuel Cell Directory* lists 23 Colorado companies that are active in one or more aspects of development of fuel cells.

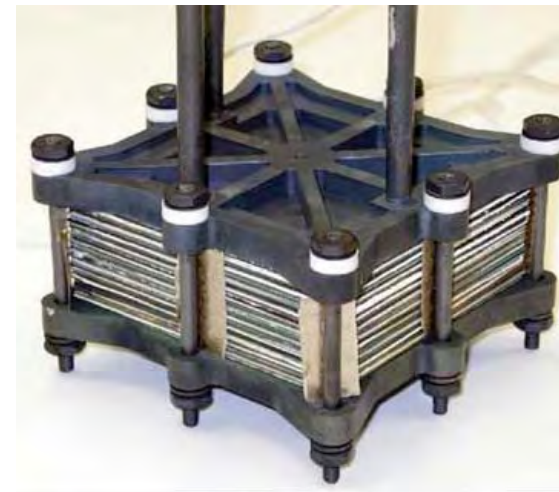
20 Watt Fuel Cell built by ITN Energy Systems & Mesoscopic Devices



# Colorado has Everything Needed to Grow a World-class Fuel Cell Industry

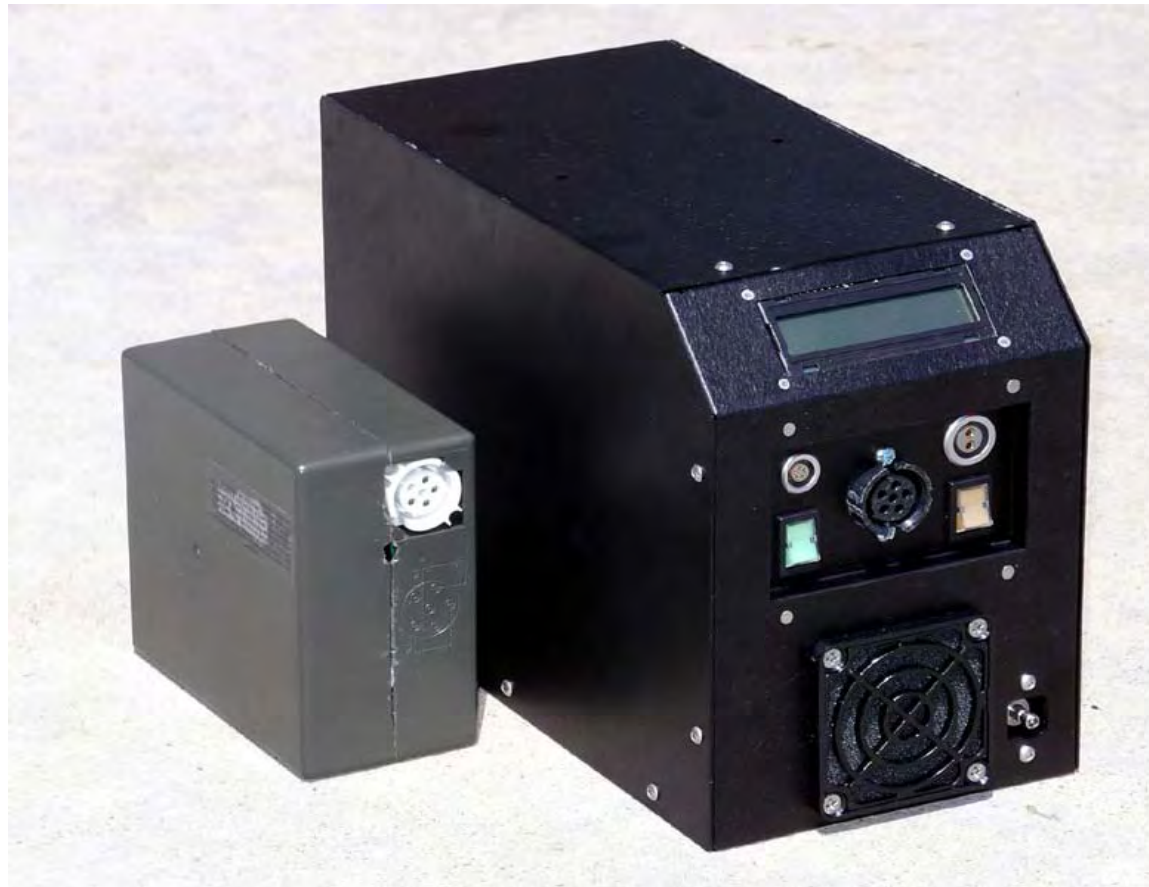
- Local Fuel Cell Developers
- Materials and Services Providers
- Finance & Management Consultants
- World-class Universities
- R&D Laboratories

Versa Power Systems  
SOFC module



# Mesosopic Devices (Bloomfield, CO)

## 75-Watt SOFC Generator



# Versa Power Systems (Golden, CO)

## Prototype 2-kilowatt Residential Power System



# Goals of CFCC Two-Year Plan

- Mission Centered R&D
- Industry Partnering
- Self-sustaining in 2-years
- Promote Education in Fuel Cell Technology
- Stimulate Significant Economic Development



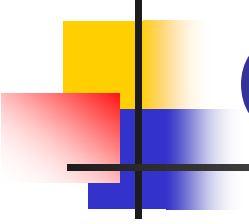


# How will Colorado benefit?

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- CFCC will assist in bringing more R&D dollars to the state via Colorado developers.
- As fuel cells appear in the Colorado market, there will be hundreds of high tech jobs in installation, maintenance and repair.
- Our ultimate goal is to encourage manufacturing of fuel cells within the state creating thousands of new jobs.





# Fuel Cells are coming to Colorado in many forms.

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- Chemically rechargeable cell phones
- Power supplies for laptop computers
- Residential fuel cells and back-up power supplies
- Commercial-scale distributed generation power plants



# Fuel cells: more from less

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- Generating Efficiency

- Pressurized water nuclear reactor 32%
- Coal burning power plant 40%
- Combined Cycle Natural Gas 55%
- Residential fuel cell 35% + heat
- Commercial fuel cell 42% + heat
- Advanced SOFC/turbine 70% + heat

Heat generated locally can be used to offset fuel costs.

### UTC Fuel Cells PC-25

#### Uses:

2100 SCF/hr NG

#### Produces:

200 kW electric (37%)

900,000 Btu/hr (40%)  
water at 60°C



Saves \$50,000 per year in fuel costs for heating hot water.

# High temperature technologies push efficiency to higher limits

FuelCell Energy  
DCF-300

Uses

1920 SCF/hr NG

Produces

250 kW electric (47%)

300,000 Btu/hr (16%)  
steam at 340°C



Use of co-generated heat  
saves up to \$20,000 per  
year in fuel costs.

# Strong Foundation of Ongoing Collaborations

**TDA**  
Research



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*Amazing Solutions.®*

**Mesoscopic  
Devices**  
*Precision solutions for a shrinking world*





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